



PLOMB



"Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

ANVIL CHORUS

"The Difficult Thing May Be Done Right Away. The Impossible Takes a Little Longer."

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SOME "PERSONALS" FROM PERSONNEL

Sherman Miller—Personnel Director



This issue is being dedicated to the old-timers of Plomb. We are fortunate that we have an organization with traditions and men who can point with pride to the fact that they have been on the job

ten years, without an absence, or that they have worked in one place for 23 or 24 years. A new company doesn't have such traditions.

It's a lot of fun to get together with George Waddleton, Chick Husband, Fred Pearson, Wick Foster, or some of the other old-timers and hear them tell about how things used to be way back when all operations took place in one small building.

You wouldn't believe that Freeman Kirwin used to be the bookkeeper until you heard him tell about his circular filing system. It's funny to think that M. B. P. used to make deliveries in his own Model "T" Ford, or that Chick Husband was the chief watchman at one time. Fred Pearson has fond memories of the days when the Personnel Department was part of the Purchasing Department, and his assistant carried the Personnel files in his brief case. D. B. Smith must have pleasant recollections of the time when the Order Department consisted of Charlie Forbes and himself, and to Tony Jacobi, it must seem like a mirage to see our present large up-to-date tool factory grow from the days of the old blacksmith shop.

Plomb has gone a long way since those good old days, and a great deal of credit should go to the old-timers who have helped see us through.

— BUY MORE WAR BONDS —

A FRIEND IS ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR FAULTS AND LOVES YOU IN SPITE OF YOUR VIRTUES.

Ask Your Neighbor the \$25.00 Question

"Just say: 'Why don't you come and work with ME at Plomb?'"

Among your neighbors, your friends, your relatives, there are probably a number of men and women who have thought about going to work in an industrial plant but who, for many reasons, have postponed making a decision.

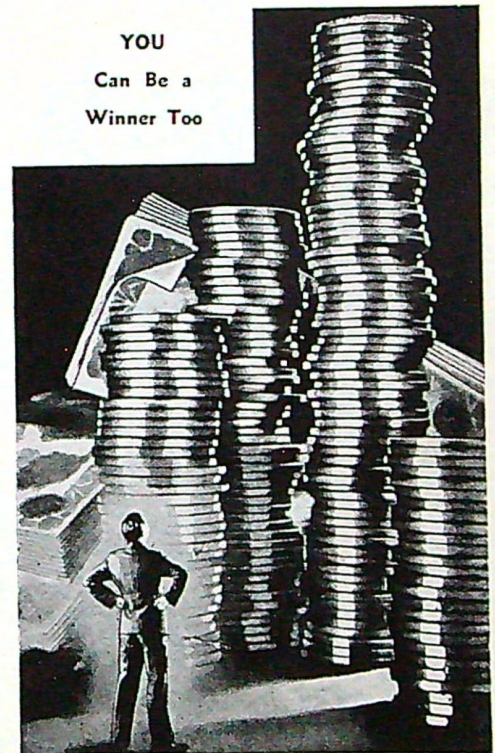
Perhaps they think the work is too tough, that there's a lot of noise; maybe they're afraid of machinery. Yet thousands of men who formerly worked in retail stores, garages, filling stations, and women who have "kept house" all their lives, are now making good money—building up a bank account for the future by working in a vital industry . . . and helping to win the war.

To such people you can say with all sincerity "Plomb is a good place to work. You don't need experience to start. They will instruct you. The work is simple. There's a fine air-conditioned cafeteria and a Club House. Regular rest periods help you to relax.

The point is: bring that friend, that neighbor, that relative to our employment department—or tell them to call, and see Miss Plummer—and find out how easy it is to get started. And for **you** there's a cash reward of \$10.00 if the new employee works four weeks and an additional \$15.00 if he completes eight full weeks. Here's the list of winners to date, together with the employees they referred to us.

John Adams	\$10.00	Audrey Potter	
Hartford Aird	10.00	Eugene James	
Charles Allen	25.00	Mattie Lee Nealy	
Clarence Allen	25.00	Aubry Thompson	
Lucille Behrendt	25.00	Helen R. Kunkle	
Alice Bohn	25.00	Keith Bohn	
Daniel Borah	25.00	Viola Swart	
Frances Brown	25.00	Sophia Kadis	
Mary Burrell	25.00	Betty Phillips	
"	25.00	Lorayn Young	
"	25.00	Richard Young	
"	25.00	Ruth Cameron	
Bob Cotignola	10.00	Isadore Martinez	
Myrtle Cramfill	25.00	Pearl McClenan	
Glenn Crist	25.00	Wendell Crist	
Eva De Luna	25.00	Socorro Robledo	
Carlos Ellis	10.00	Elaine Halverson	
Vera Gallitzen	25.00	Anna Young	
Clarence Hendrickson	25.00	Marie Perkins	
Willie Hess	25.00	Stacia Brown	
John Hill	10.00	Patrick Walsh	
Wm. Hilliard	25.00	G. B. Hilliard	
Marven Holdeman	25.00	Viola Young	
"	10.00	Murrell Pierce	
George Hotzfeld	10.00	Frances Hotzfeld	
Frank Johnson	25.00	James Zeman	
Winifred Johnson	10.00	Harold McCool	
"	25.00	Hollis Harrington	
Henry Jones	25.00	Opal Richmond	
Nora Kelley	25.00	Julia Orozco	
Freeman Kirwin	10.00	Vera Davis	
Warren Kreklor	10.00	Elsie Moehlenbruck	
Winona Kublick	25.00	Mildred Bernhardt	
Mike Layhee	25.00	Nadine Wingfield	
"	10.00	Mary Morris	
"	25.00	Virge Morris	
Don Maggiora	25.00	Jerry Acosta	
"	25.00	Ismael Hernandez	
Earl Maxcy	10.00	Carl Jones	
Robt. Martin	10.00	Thelma Martin	
Charles Menconi	25.00	Jos. Tessitore	
"	25.00	John DeCaro	
Jose Monarrez	25.00	Vincent Lara	
Kenneth Olson	10.00	Harold Hutson	
Jose Orozco	25.00	Jose Ramos	
James Paoliuso	25.00	Lila Millette	
"	25.00	Arthur Millette	
Chester Peterson	25.00	Richard Peterson	
Willie Sanders	25.00	Eugene Watkins	
Dorothy Schneider	25.00	Harriet Schneider	
Vincent Soderman	10.00	Harley Anderson	
Juanita Stewart	25.00	Cleda Vaughn	
Harry Startzman	25.00	Wm. Wikoff	
Jos. Tessitore	25.00	John Lucenti	
Agnes Tolstad	25.00	Irene Smith	

YOU
Can Be a
Winner Too



Mildred Underhill	10.00	Frances Zatko	
George Walls	25.00	Earl Waner	
Willie West	10.00	John Atkinson	
Frank Weatherman	10.00	Levett Kent	
Myrtle Woods	10.00	Julia Jackson	
Total Rewards Paid	\$1,215.00		

NEWS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT



SPORTS — WEDDINGS — PROMOTIONS — HOBBIES — PHOTOS

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in the armed services

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METALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT

F. J. Robbins, Director

THUMBNAIL SKETCH



Earl Emery

Earl Emery, our Raw Material Inspector, was born at Almartha, Missouri, and attended school at Claremore, Oklahoma.

He has been with Plomb for approx-

imately 3 years. Prior to his employ here he worked as a lumberjack at National, Washington, and as a rigger in the shipyards at Tacoma, Washington.

His hobby is swimming and he is particularly interested in stunt diving. He also enjoys bowling and is a member of the Plomb Bowling Team.

Earl is married and has one daughter. His wife is the former **Helen Butterworth** of the Plomb Order Department.

We discovered that **Earl** is a landowner, too. He has 200 acres of grazing land in Oregon.

He likes his job and likes working for PLOMB.

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Hobbies are interesting things. We find that **Dean Norvell** of the Engineering Department is a woodworker. He makes gadgets and useful things like cabinets. He has one (cabinet) in the office now.

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H. L. Millar of the Metallurgical Department is a Grandpa. He is very calm about the whole thing, which we cannot understand.

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J. O'Brien of the Metallurgical Department has received a letter from **Charles William Garner** former shear operator of the Steel Department. **Charles** is in Europe now and sends his regards to his friends at Plomb.

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We are told that **E. Sage's** dissertations on the subject of "Traffic in Ohio was never like this," are very illuminating. **Mr. Sage** is with the Engineering Department.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Plomb Tool Welfare Ass'n.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending the beautiful floral offering to my husband's funeral.

I do appreciate the kindness.

LETTIE HUYLAR

THE STEEL DEPARTMENT — ITS PART AT PLOMB

By Dave Messenger

On many occasions, I have been asked, "Just what does the Steel Department do to help further production at Plomb?" In answering this question, I will break it down into several parts, showing the various duties of the department.

1. The unloading of steel from box cars, gondolas, trucks, and various other types of carriers.
2. The proper racking of this steel and correct tagging, sizing and analyzing.
3. The oiling of bars when the occasion demands, to prevent rusting.
4. The careful weighing and shipping of all steel for outside production.
5. The proper shearing of steel to various lengths, according to job specifications.
6. The delivery of many sizes of steel to the different machines in the machine shop.
7. Cooperating with Mr. Fred Robbins of the Metallurgical Department at all times in securing samples of steel he desires.
8. Supplying Mr. Pepperdine with samples for his experimental work.
9. Assisting the Maintenance Department by supplying them with pieces of steel necessary in the repair work of that department.
10. Daily report to the National Control Department of all steel used.

These ten points are only a part of the total work done by this department. At some other time we will describe other duties of the Steel Department.

OLD NEWSPAPERS WANTED

Again we appeal to the Plomb team to help us to secure an additional quantity of newspapers. Please bring them with you and leave them either at the Receiving Department, at the Main Gate, or at the Heat Treat Department. They are needed badly. Thanks. **Fred J. Robbins, Director, Metallurgical Department.**

COMMUNICATIONS DEPT. NORMA POWELL

The new girl in the mailing department is **Ruth Robertson**. She carries the mail in the morning.

Eunice was ill with a cold this week. We are glad she is back.

Mary Adele, of the filing department, went to Palm Springs on Sunday to help entertain the convalescing soldiers. She injured her leg while she was there, but we are glad it was not serious.

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ANNIVERSARY PINS

The following employees earned anniversary pins during the past week:

Office—

RUBY BURBANK 2 yrs.

Factory:

ELGIN McMAHONE 10 yrs.

RALPH ADAMS 9 yrs.

PASQUALE VIOLA 4 yrs.

ALBON HICKS 3 yrs.

ROBT. MARLAR 3 yrs.

VICTORIA OLSON 2 yrs.

HELP !

Scores of men and women—some of them your friends and neighbors—are needed at Plomb. Men who may be too old to serve in the armed forces—women whose home skills can be adapted to simple jobs in our various departments—all can do their part, help keep production moving, make good money, and earn the gratitude of our fighting forces everywhere.

Army-Navy wives especially are invited to join the Plomb home front army of patriotic folk. It's in **their** interest to help shorten the war. It will be in **your** interest as a Plomb employee to tell them about opportunities at Plomb. Read the announcement on page one. Help **us**, help your **neighbor**, your **country** and **yourself**.

NEWS FROM FORGE DIE DEPT.

Carl Malmquist—Foreman

Work has been started on a grinding room for the Forge-Die. This will house the two Surface Grinders and a bench where grinding and polishing can be done without filling the die room with dust.

The new Radial Drill Press has been installed and as soon as the motor arrives the die blocks can be drilled with much less trouble than heretofore.

We are also looking forward to the new Die Sinker which has become a necessity since the 4000 pound hammer was installed.

We have a new die sinker in the person of **John Schwartz** on the Swing Shift who brings with him a good background of experience and who will be of great help in supervising work on the second shift.

PRESIDENT'S Editorial



OFFICERS OF THE TEAM

M. B. P.

In March of each year it is customary for the stockholders of your company to decide who their directors are going to be for the ensuing year. As I have written previously the stockholders are the members of the team who have invested about \$4700 behind each and every job here at Plomb.

At the annual meeting they chose the same directors as last year; James L. Beebe of the firm of O'Melveny & Meyers, our corporate counsel; J. Earl Jones, president of P. & C. Hand-Forged Tool Company; George Pepperdine, chairman of the Pepperdine Foundation; Oliver Scott of the firm of Maxwell, Marshall & Company, our investment bankers; R. W. Kerr; J. E. Mills; M. B. Pendleton.

These directors have met and have chosen as the principal officers of the Plomb team for this year, M. B. Pendleton, president; R. W. Kerr, vice-president and treasurer; J. E. Mills, secretary and comptroller.

Supplemental officers of the Plomb team were appointed as follows: B. L. Clark, vice-president, in charge of Washington operations; J. C. Galbreath, vice-president in charge of New York territory No. 17; J. Earl Jones, vice-president, and president of P. & C. Hand-Forged Tool Company; Henry Slinning, vice-president in charge of Chicago Plant; Fred J. Robbins, vice-president and technical director; Morris M. Mautner, assistant secretary; Dwane Brice, assistant treasurer, and Blanche Regan, transfer agent.

Department managers and supervisors are not appointed by the Board of Directors, although some supervisors occupy positions of greater responsibility than some officers. The purpose of this editorial is to report on the directors and officers of the Plomb team for 1945.

CHICAGO NEWS

Willard Nelson

Walter Stejskal of the Automatics is boasting of another grand-daughter named Dona Lynn. He said that she would grow up to be a knockout, but then look at who her grand-father is!

Oh! that George Salemme. I don't know what this column would do without one of his antics each week. This week he was so busy teasing the girls on their rest-period, that he didn't see the object that gave him a very becoming bump on the head. Either that boy is unlucky or the world is all wrong.

Ernest Alfano of the Tool Room is going from one Plomb to another. All the boys will miss him, but our loss is California's gain.

HORSEBACK RIDE PLANNED

The Plomb Tool Jockey Club rides again! Get out those boots, spurs, and pillows and join the gang. A group horseback ride is planned for Sunday Morning, April 29, at 8:00 A.M. See **Rose Dawson** in **Dain** (Tall in the Saddle) **Sturges'** office.

PLEASANT FURNISHED APARTMENT WANTED BY YOUNG LADY IN STENO POOL. CALL INTER-OFFICE PHONE EXTENSION 41 IF YOU KNOW OF AN APARTMENT FOR RENT.

COST ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NEWS

George Carlson—Asst. Comptroller, in charge

If you ever happen by our department and hear **Fred Dickinson** singing "Halleluiah" . . . it's just the left-overs from his Easter cantata at church—not griping about work. Yes, our little choir boy, **Freddie**, gets the worst of everything (as far as steel is concerned), but I have yet to meet a harder working, more pleasant person. (Dedicated to all shirkers) . . .

Have you noticed **Norris Wickham's** "new" Model A? Convertible and **all!** "Air Conditioned," too . . . I know! **Ada** and I are members of the car pool and **Wick** . . . he's a congenial driver! (He drives us nuts) . . .

Then there's **Tom Bradley**, the sincere devotee of the classics, who manages to keep up on all of the latest in jive. What's your secret, **Tom** . . . bobby socks? . . .

And poor **Al Carhart** . . . always "A Little on The Lonely Side." Well, girls!

Eleanor "Flower" Thompson has been recuperating from a nasty fall suffered during one of Plomb's recent basketball games. Injured ribs and sprains everywhere . . . still the young girl smiled. Orchids. . .

(Continued on page 6)

The Roots of the Plomb Family Tree Are

Three stars now sparkle in our Army-Navy E Flag—symbols of another year of outstanding performance.

Each member of the Plomb Team had a part in this achievement and this issue of Anvil Chorus is dedicated to them. These pages list the group who have been with the Company for 10 years or more, and whose combined experience totals more than 600 years.

Experience is something that comes only with the passing of time, and in these critical days nothing is more urgently needed.



“ M A N D O E S N O T L I V E B Y B R E A D A L O N E ”

The achievements which made our country great were founded on the labor of men moved by an urge more compelling than a desire for material gain. The zeal and loyalty of the men whose names are listed in these pages have been devoted to the making and selling of **fine quality tools**. Their loyalty over the years is the keystone of our organization. The name Plomb is a blazemark on the trees guiding the tool buyer through a wilderness of values—identifying the men who make Plomb Tools with responsibility to keep the **name** synonymous with **proven value**.

The Plomb Toolers shown in the picture, and their years of service, are: **M. B. Pendleton**, President, 26 years; **Anthony Jacobi**, 23 years; **Adam Rosenberger**, 22 years; **Andy Toth**, 21 years; **George Waddleton**, 21 years; **Wenzel Neverka**, 20 years; **Daniel B. Smith**, 20 years; **Charles Berggren**, 19 years; **Joseph Gross**, 19 years; (Lou Graham, 24 years; and **W. W. Foster**, 19 years, were unable to be present for this photograph).

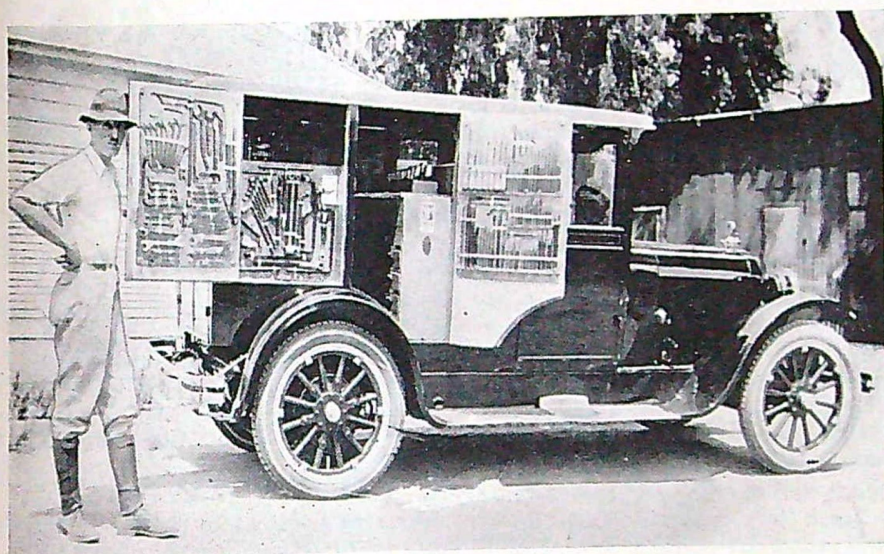
Anchored Deep For The Years Ahead!

During these strenuous war years, Plomb is helping the nation to deliver vital material to war fronts all over the globe—from the Arctic to the South Pacific, from Europe to China—vast fleets of trucks, tanks, jeeps, ships and planes are kept operating at top efficiency.

The groups of Plomb Toolers shown to the right are only a small part of our more than 800 workers who have made an outstanding record for performance during this strenuous period. Some of the men and women in these pictures have entered the armed service of our country, but their places have been taken by others who are carrying on, imbued by the Plomb tradition of faithful performance.

Plomb field engineers work constantly with users of Plomb tools helping them make best possible use of these fine products. Our engineering and research workers work together to assure continued progress in new developments in the post war period ahead that the name Plomb may continue the standard of quality for unnumbered years to come.

Thus the Plomb family tree, forever sprouting new branches, continues to flourish, its roots imbedded deep in the confidence of our **country** . . . its **government** and its **people**.



LOU GRAHAM AND HIS TOOL CHARIOT

Lou Graham piloted his "horseless carriage" along the highways and byways of the west when Plomb tools were in their infancy. He did much pioneer work among tool users who spread the news of Plomb quality. Today Plomb is turning out ten million dollars worth of tools annually for war time use.



CARL MALMQUIST'S DIE SINKERS

Left to Right — Beginning on Back Row: Buckland, Fox, Wilinski, Maher, Ardor, Spegman, Christ, Fain, Rosenberger, Taylor, Narney, Gilmore, Crist, Cochran, Malmquist, Rosner, Jehu



GEO. WADDLETON'S GRINDERS

Left to Right — Beginning on Back Row: J. Madrid, Rob't. Hudnall, A. Carasco, Earl Cole, Geo. Waddleton, Volton Holley, Geo. Hotzfeld, Peter Schmidt, Harley Ragland, Joe Monarrez, Neil Waitley, Wenzel Neverka, Jim Scullin, Claude Peagram, Bob Catignolo.



"DOUG" DOUGLAS AND HIS BURRING CREW

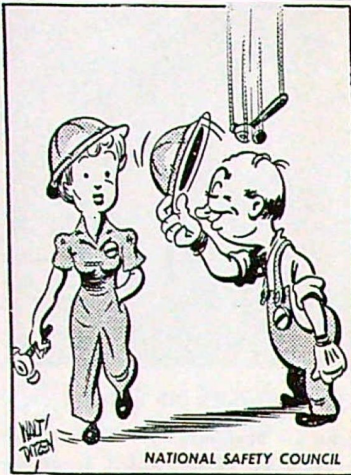
Left to Right — Front row. Zenobia Syfert, Dorothy Adams, Catherine Gleason, Marion Ness, Norma Propes, Maggie Gribbon, Dora Weatherman. Back row: Carlee Mohan, Faye Edmunson, Valena Keef, Elsie Hautla, Doug, Thelma Gundy, Bonnie Barr, Helen Recker, Iva Richardson.

PLOMB TOOLERS' Service List (Cont'd)

CHESTER HUSBAND	17 yrs.	FRED SPEAR	13 yrs.	FORREST PORTER	11 yrs.
J. B. DELAMERE	17 yrs.	ADOLPH WENINGER	13 yrs.	ANDREW STIRLING	11 yrs.
GLEN CRIST	16 yrs.	ANTON ROSENBERGER	13 yrs.	J. MORRIS	11 yrs.
FRED PEARSON	16 yrs.	J. C. BURNEY	13 yrs.	LARRY TISDALE	10 yrs.
J. J. BUHLER	16 yrs.	P. W. SENOUR	12 yrs.	DON PROUL	10 yrs.
WM. SCHOLLE	14 yrs.	GENE HARRIS	12 yrs.	CHESTER EXUM	10 yrs.
GEORGE WALLS	14 yrs.	PETER ROSENZWEIG	12 yrs.	JERRY GREEN	10 yrs.
F. H. BUHLER	14 yrs.	RAY C. RICKE	12 yrs.	ARTHUR HARRIS	10 yrs.
FREEMAN KIRWIN	13 yrs.	E. TESKY	12 yrs.	PHILLIP SANCHEZ	10 yrs.
HENRY MILLAR	13 yrs.	CORRINE ALLEN	11 yrs.	NICK BAUER	10 yrs.

SAFETY -- A Matter of Sound Business and Common Sense

LIBERTY BELLES



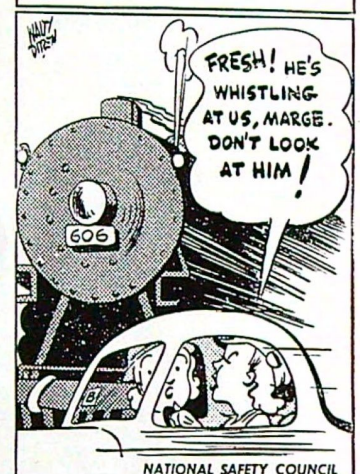
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There are a great many more casualties in industry in proportion to the number of people involved than there are in war. The time and energy of our vast industrial army is impaired by accidental injury and death.

Our fighting men bear the first impact of war with all of its attendant horrors. But consider again that great army of over 100 million workers in the United States, look at the accident statistics, and the casualty list is stark and tragic. Nor does the **civilian** casualty list involve bravery heroic self sacrifice and all the other fine qualities that make up red-blooded courage.

On the contrary, civilian casualties are due to one great prevailing cause — CARELESSNESS—either on the part of the individual hurt or on the part of some other person who was careless.

The men and women in the armed services **obey orders** but workers on the home front have never learned self discipline. They take short cuts, pay little attention to rules of safety and as a result we have in our midst a great army of the halt, the lame and the blind and our cemeteries are full of the rest whose lives were forfeited. It's an unglamorous business most of it inexcusable.

The bloody, statistical reports show beyond question that there are countless thousands of workers, men and women, who do not read Safety Bulletins and regard them as a lot of nonsense. As a result they lose fingers, hands, toes, feet, legs, arms and eyes—not for glory, not for the honor of our country, but out of utter stupidity and stubbornness. "I can take care of myself," say these smart individuals. "I don't need goggles or safety shoes. I know how to protect myself."

But a Safety program is more than a protection to the **worker**—it is assurance to his wife and family that they won't be the victims of want — assurance that the breadwinner will not be crippled and so deprived of his or her livelihood.

It assures him of clean and comfortable conditions, fresh air, freedom from danger. It makes his **industrial** home a safe place to live in. Tools don't run amuck. The careless operator fails to control them. So they become destructive weapons.

So think a moment—of your wife and kids at home who need you and need what you earn. Then fulfil your share of the Safety Program which Dain Sturges, your supervisors and management are constantly emphasizing. Scars and wounds suffered on the **home** front are nothing to be proud of. Take advantage of the protective measures offered you.

OLD SCOUT'S OBSERVATIONS

Girls' Basketball

In a post season casaba tilt the "Celer All-Stars" dropped a close ball game to the League champion, Norris Stampers, last Tuesday night, by the score of 18 to 11.

Two of the Toolerettes, **Nina Hanson** and **Joan Johnson**, represented the All-Stars with "dead-eye" **Hanson** emerging high point girl of the evening, sinking three baskets for six points. **Joan** also played a nice game.

In a post season play-off the Norris Stampers will meet the O'Keefe & Merritt quintette in a game which should prove to be a "natural" at the Whittier St. Y.M.C.A. gym.

The Scout has attended several sessions with the new Industrial League officials in the hope of making plans for other League competition. We de-

Cost Accounting News (Continued)

Oh, yes, and it might be of interest to you to know that quite a few fans turned out and rooted for our gals. Among them were **M.B.P., George Carlson, Bob Himes, Gordon Beauchamp, Bob Stortz, Dain & Mrs. Sturges, Hugh and Polly Waring, Dick Walter**, and several others. . . .

Have seen many pipes around Plomb these days . . . but prize goes to **Jim "Kaywoodie KornKob" Weeks**, and honorable mention to **John Shaw** for the most terrific concoction of tobacco.

New gal (and cute, too) in our department, is **Stella Rak** from Detroit. Has added a great deal of pleasure to our department and has adapted herself to her new environment wonderfully. And I think she likes California.

That's it . . . until the next time.

Au Revoir,

LUCILLE





PENELOPE AND PLOMB

Chapter XV

The Boss frowned today when I said I couldn't work overtime because our dog has puppies. I guess the Boss has never had puppies.

My little brother and I went down the avenue to do some shopping. We saw a pair of cowboy boots walking down the street. There was a man in the boots but the boots were dreams. We followed the boots for 2 blocks and then they got into a car and drove off. It so happened that we had stopped in front of a show that had my favorite actor, "Pluto the Pup" and another show with my little brother's favorite cowboy. So we bought some popcorn and went to the show. The show was very good so we stayed to see it a second time. It was late when we got out so we decided to go shopping next Saturday.

I bought a Plomb baby ratchet and a grown-up ratchet. They sure are pretty and make such nice clicking noises. Now I have to buy some other things to go with the ratchets because I was told the ratchets don't do things by themselves.

TWO LIVELY FLASHES IN THE BASKETBALL GAME PLOMB TOOL VS. NORRIS STAMPING



Bowling—

The Plomb Bowling League wound up its winter session a week ago Thursday with (as you all know) The Tool Grinders copping the championship. The Foursome finished second, with the Lumberjacks third, Machine Repair fourth and the Three Spares and a Strike tying with the Polishers for the fifth spot.

The **Scout** will give a complete breakdown of the winter bowling League and the winners of the sweepstakes prizes next Friday.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE GOLF TOURNEY

The Eastside Industrial League was first organized to sponsor girls' basketball. The basketball competition met with such success that the League is destined to become a permanent or-

ganization to promote inter-company activities and good relations among plants in the local area. The League is composed of Continental Can Company, Norris Stamping, Zellerbach Paper, Gay Engineering, O'Keefe and Merritt and Plomb Tool.

The next event planned is an inter-company golf tournament, to be held May 20th at the Southern California Golf and Country Club (formerly Midwick). All of the above plants are entered. A handsome permanent trophy will be held by the winning team.

As many players as desire to play may represent each company. The winner will be determined by the low total of the low ten gross scores of each team.

Get out those rusty bats and practice up. We may "bring home the bacon" (post-war slang!)

cided a summer League of bowling was out. However, every effort will be made to make up a men and women's winter League.

While plans have not been fully laid as to team representation, all indications point to a men's and women's soft ball League, games to be played on the two new soft-ball diamonds of Continental Can Company, both fields equipped with the necessary lights for twilight ball. The Ole Scout took a trip over to the diamonds (a good mile) and they look swell, ready for the Plomb Toolers and Toolerettes to sock the old "bulb" all over those "orchards." Anybody interested in soft-ball contact **Dain Sturges** or the "**Scout**" as soon as possible.



NEWS OF PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE ARMED SERVICE

LT. BILL WARD SAYS HE'S IN THE ARMY'S NAVY

Bill writes from Keesler Field, Mississippi: "I flew down here along with 5 other buddies of mine. We are awaiting crew assignments in the A. A. F. Emergency Rescue School. It is really the Army's Navy—a unique outfit.

As a pilot I will be flying a PBY Catalina. We have a fleet of speed boats. All this equipment is used to train crews to go out and find fliers who have come down at sea and direct their rescue by speed boats. If that is not possible we land on the water and attempt to pick them up ourselves. We have been training now for over two years and am anxious to get over to the fighting front.

EZRA TRIPLETT PUNCHES CLOCK IN GERMAN FACTORY

Ezra Triplett writes from Luxembourg: The weather is hot and since they are close to the Siegfried line they are kept busy more ways than one. He and a buddy wandered into the town of Esternach which they had just captured and found some usable cooking utensils. Says the inhabitants must have left in a hurry as they left everything behind except their false teeth.

He writes: "I walked into a hat factory and as I entered I punched the time clock just for good luck. There wasn't a soul around. It made me 'Plomb' home sick. Then the Jerries started a barrage and I didn't take time to punch out, believe me. I'm in General Patton's army now and just at the moment the planes are roaring over the line and giving the Jerries hell."

Frank Pelly writes that he is in the midst of the fighting and has little time for writing. Met a young fellow in his outfit who worked for the Plomb Chicago plant and they have become good buddies. His address is No. 39710156

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Cpl. George Cologna

George writes that he has been overseas for twenty-six months. He sends his regards to Pat in Heat Treat and wants to be remembered to Pat's wife and children. His one pastime is baseball on an improvised field near where they are camped. Says that the Anvil Chorus is one of the bright spots in the mail. Has little time to write except to his mother, sister and his "girl friend." Has been promoted from a Tech., 5th Grade, to a straight line corporal.

Jimmy Laird writes from somewhere in Europe that the two-minute letter is just the idea for busy men in the armed service. Says he is proud to be one of the 274 Plomb Toolers in the big fight and that his buddies read the Anvil Chorus and use our tools.

TO M.B.P.—FROM BOB CRIST IN THE PHILIPPINES

"I just received word telling me of the good word my folks received about 'Danny,' as he was called there at Plomb. It sure gave me new life and I'm writing to you to thank all those at the shop who prayed for such word.

"Since my arrival here on one of the many islands that make up the Philippines, I find myself getting used to the habits of these people more each day. They are a very friendly race and like the American soldier, which in my way of thinking is a big factor in us gaining back these important islands. Of course it rains here about every day but I'm used to that too as they always say 'unusual weather today,' which always reminds me of California.

"During my furlough I enjoyed seeing all our friends who are doing a good job to help bring us all home. So until next time, thanks again."

The address on the letter read as follows:

Pvt. Robert E. Crist,
A.S.N. 34729538
272nd Repl. Co. 4th Repl. Depot
A.P.O. 703 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

(Bob is one of three sons of Glen Crist, who are in the Armed Service of our country.)

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Art Craft, formerly of Forge Die Department, writes from somewhere in the South Pacific. The country where he is, he says, is somewhat like Southern California. Recreational facilities are good and he gets frequent passes to town. He sends his regards to all the gang.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Our raids alone certainly aren't going to win the war."—B-29 pilots in Pacific to Ernie Pyle, emphasizing hard task ahead.

"The midnight curfew looks like fool conservation rather than fuel conservation."—Raymond Moley, columnist.

"There shall never be another war, ever. We must 'get on the ball' back home."—Letter from Lieut. A. Grimaldi, Brooklyn, later killed in action.

"If we don't get well along in world trade within 20 years, a line-up for World War III by that time will have become evident."—Pres. Ira Mosher, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, advocating tariff adjustments to expand world trade.

"Lots of times women think more of their dogs than of their husbands."—State Sen. Peyton Hawes, Ala., favoring law to bar pets from hotels.